HIC MVLIER:

OR,

The Man-Woman:

Being a Medicine to cure the Coltiſh Diſeaſe *the Staggers in the Maſculine-Feminines* of our Times.

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Expreſt in a briefe Declamation.

Non omnes poſſumus omnes.

Miſtris, will you be trim'd or truſs'd?

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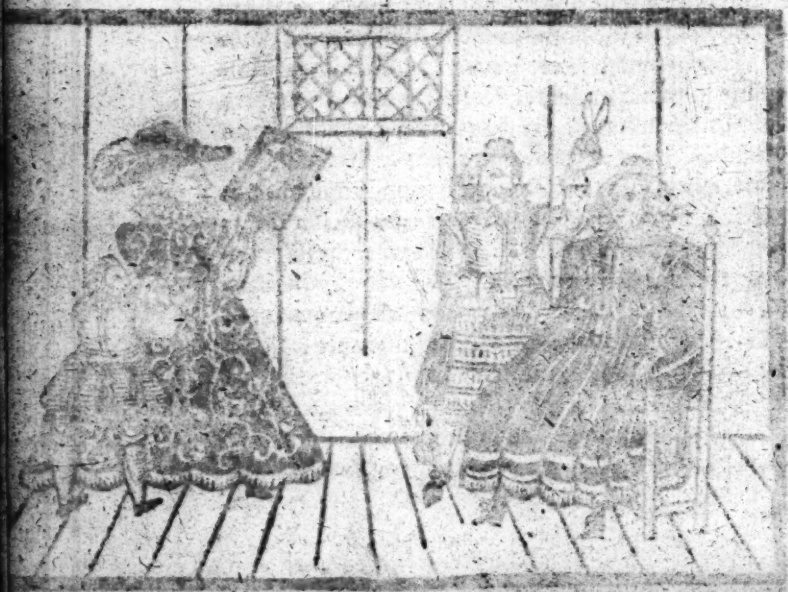

HIC MVLIER.

HIc MVLIER; How now? Breake *Priſcians* head at the firſt encounter? but two words, and they falſe Latine? Pardon mee good Signior *Conſtruction*; for I will not anſwere thee as the Pope did, that I will doe it in deſpight of the Grammar: but I will maintaine, if it be not the trueſt Latine in our Kingdome, yet it is the commonneſt. For ſince the daies of *Adam* women were neuer ſo Maſculine; Maſculine in their genders and whole generations, from the Mother, to the yongeſt daughter; Maſculine in Number, from one to multitudes; Maſculine in Caſe, euen from the head to the foot; Maſculine in Moode, from bold ſpeech, to impudent action; and Maſculine in Tenſe: for (without redreſſe) they were, are, and will be ſtill moſt Maſculine, moſt mankinde, and moſt monſtrous. Are all women then turn'd Maſculine? No, God forbid, there are a world full of holy thoughts, modeſt carriage, and ſeuere chaſtitie; to theſe let mee fall on my knees, and ſay; You, O you women; you good women; you that are in the fulneſſe of perfection, you that are the

A Perſion to good women.

crowner of natures worke, the complements of mens excellencies, and the Seminaries of propagation, you that maintaine the world, support mankinde, and giue life to societie; you, that armed with the infinite power of vertue, are Castles impregnable, Riuers vnfaileable, Seas immoueable, infinit treasures, and inuincible armies; that are helpers most trustie, Centinels most carefull, signes deceitlesse, plaine wayes faileleſſe, true guides dangerlesse; Balmes that instantly cure, and honours that neuer perish: O doe not looke to finde your names in this Declamation, but with all honour and reuerence doe I speake to you: You are *Seneca's* Graces, women, good women, modeſt women, true women, euer yong, because euer vertuous, euer chaſt, euer glorious: when I write of you, I will write with a golden pen, on leaues of golden paper; now I write with a rough quill, and blacke Inke on iron sheeres, the Iron deeds of an iron generation.

Sen. de Benef. 3.

Of whom the Author writes.

Come then, you Maſculine-women, for you are my Subiect, you that haue made Admiration an Aſſe, and fool'd him with a deformitie neuer before dream'd of, that haue made your ſelues ſtranger things then euer *Noahs* Arke vnladed, or *Nyle* ingendred; whom to name, hee that named all things, might ſtudy an Age to giue you a right attribute; whoſe like are not found in any Antiquaries ſtudy, in any Sea-mans trauell, nor in any Painters cunning; you that are ſtranger then ſtrangeneſſe it ſelfe; whom Wiſemen wonder at; Boyes ſhoute

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at, and Goblins themselues start at; You that are the gilt durt, which imbroders Play-houses, the painted Statues which adorne Caroches, and the perfumed Carrion that bad men feede on in Brothels: 'Tis of you, I intreat, and of your monstrous deformitie; You that haue made your bodies like antieke Boscadge, or Grotesco worke, not halfe man, halfe woman, halfe fish, halfe flesh, halfe beast, halfe Monster: but all Odyous, all Diuell, that haue cast off the ornaments of your sexes, to put on the garments of Shame; that haue laid by the bashfulnesse of your natures, to gather the impudence of Harlots; that haue buried silence, to reuiue slander; that are all things but that which you should be, and nothing lesse then friends to vertue and goodnesse, that haue made the foundation of your highest detested worke, from the lowest despised creatures that Record can giue testimonie of, the one cut from the Common-wealth of the Gallowes; the other is well knowne. From the first you get the false armoury of yellow Starch (for to weare yellow on white, or white vpon yellow, is by the rules of Heraldry) basenesse, bastardie, and indignitie; the folly of imitation, the deceitfulnesse of flatterie, and the grosest basenesse of all basenesse, to do whatsoeuer a greater power will command you. From the other, you haue taken the monstrousnesse of your deformitie in apparell, exchanging the modest attire of the comely Hood, Cawle, Coyfe, handsome Dresse or Kerchiefe, to the cloudy Ruffi-

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only broad-brim'd Hat, and wanton Feather; the the modest vpper parts of a concealing straight gowne, to the loose, lasciuious open embracement of a French dublet, being all vnbutton'd to entyce, all of one shape to hide deformitie, and extreme short waisted to giue a most easie way to euery luxurious action: the glory of a faire large hayre, to the shame of most ruffianly short lockes, the side, thicke gather'd, and close guarding Sauegards, to the short, weake, thinne, loose, and euery hand entertaining short hasles, for Needles, Swords, for Prayer bookes, bawdy Iigs, for modest gestures, gyant like behauiours, and for womens modestie, all Mimicke and apish inciuilitie. These are your founders, from these you tooke your copies, but (without amendment) with these you will come to perdition.

Sophocles being asked why he presented no women in his Tragedies but good ones: and *Euripides* none but bad ones: answered, hee presented women as they should be, but *Euripides* women as they were. So I present these Masculine women in the deformities as they are, that I may call them backe to their modest comelinesse in which they were.

Why the Author writ this.

The modest comelinesse in which they were?

The description of a Masculine Feminine

Why did euer these *Meare-maids*, or rather *Meare-Monsters*, (that weare the Gar-mans blocke, the Dutchmans feather, *Vfle-vus muffe*, the poore mans pate pould by a Treene dish, the French doublet truss'd with points, to *Mary Ambree* light petticoat

skirt,

shirts, the Fooles Bandaicke, and the Diuels Posy-laird. Did they euer know comelinesse, or modestie? Fie, no, they neuer walke in those pathes; for these in the best are sure but ragges of Gentry, torne from better pieces for their foule staines, or else the adulterate branches of rich Stocks, that taking too much sap from the roote, are cut away, and imploy'd in base vses; or, if not so, they are the stinking vapours drawne from dunghils, which nourish in the higher Regions of the ayre, become Meteors and false fires blazing and flashing therein, and amazing mens mindes with their strange proportions; till the substance of their pride being spent, they drop downe again to the place from whence they came, and there rot and consume vnpitied, and vnremembred.

And questionlesse it is true, that such vvere the first beginners of these last deformities, for from any purer blood would haue issued a purer birth: there would haue beene some sparke of vertue: some excuse for imitation: but this deformitie hath no agreement with goodnesse, not no difference against the weakest reason: it is all base, all barbarous. Base, in respect it offends man in the example, and God in the most vnnaturall vse: Barbarous, in that it is exorbitant from Nature, and *Barbarisme* is kinde, going astray (with ill-fauoured affectation) both in attire, in speech, in manners, and (it is to bee feared) in the whole courses and ends of their actions. What can bee more

Deformitie is base and barbarous.

barbarous, then with the gloſſe of mumming Art, to diſguiſe the beauty of their creations? To mould their bodies to euery deformed faſhion? their tongues to vile and horrible prophanations? and their hands to ruffianly and vncouill actions? To haue their geſtures as pye-bald, and as medley-varrious as their diſguiſes? their ſoules fuller of infirmities then a horſe or proſtitute, and their mindes languiſhing in thoſe infirmities? If this bee not barbarous, make the rude *Scithian*, the vntaught *Moore*, the naked *Indian*, or the wilde *Iriſh*, Lords and Rulers of well gouerned Cities.

But reſts this deformitie then onely in the baſer? in none but ſuch as are the beggery of decay? that haue in them nothing but skyth-ſtuffe, & pouiſhneſſe? that are liuing graues, vnwholeſome Sinkes? quarrian Feuers for intolerable chamber, and the extreme iniury and wrong of nature? Are theſe, and none elſe guilty of this high Treaſon to God, and nature?

O yes, a world of other, many knowne great, thought good, wiſe, happy, much loued, and moſt admired, are ſo follely branded with this infamie of diſguiſe, and the markes ſtucke on their naked faces, and more naked bodies, that not all the painting in *Rome* or *Venice* can conceale them, but euery eye diſcouers them almoſt as low as their middles.

It is an infection that emulates the Plaguey, and throwes it ſelfe amongſt women of all degrees, all

Of the better ſort guilty of this diſguiſe.

Where the beſt painting is ſold.

all defects, and all ages; from the Capitoll to the Cottage, are some spots or swellings of this disease, yet euermore the greater the person is, the greater is the rage of this sickneſſe, and the more they haue to suppert the eminence of their fortunes, the more they bestowe in the augmentation of their deformities: not onely such as will not worke to get bread, will finde time to weaue her selfe poines or mufle her loose sleeues: and shee that hath pawned her credit to get a Hat, will sell her Smocke to buy a feather: Shee that hath giuen kisses to haue her hayre shorne, will giue her honeſtie to haue her vpper parts put into a French doubler. To conclude, shee that will giue her body to haue her bodie deformed, will not sticke to giue her soule to haue her minde satisfied.

What women will doe for their pleasures.

But such as are able to buy all at their owne charges, they swimme in the exceſſe of these vanities, and will bee man-like not onely from the head to the waiſt, but to the very foot, & in euery condition: man in body by attyre, man in behauiour by rude complement, man in nature by aptneſſe to anger, man in action by pursuing reuenge, man in wearing weapons man in vsing weapons: And in briefe, so much man in all things, that they are neither men, nor women, but iuſt good for nothing.

The excesse of the great persons.

And can Greatneſſe and great Birth, great beauty, great bringing vp, and great riches, stoope

to the baſenes of theſe monſtrous imitations? Why, what are all they when the face of vertue is diſguiſed, more then as ſiluer Bels on a Lads an Apes coate that ſhew faire, and chyme ſweet, but ſauc not poore Iacke from one laſh of the whip, when his knauerie requires it? no more ſhall their greatneſſe or wealth ſaue them from one particle of diſgrace, which theſe monſtrous diſguiſes haue caſt vpon them.

What a woman is when her vertue is loſt.

Oh you that are the great rich builders of this huge frame or Maſſe of diſguiſes, remember what the Poet ſaith;

S.T. Ouerbury

As for the (odaes of ſexes) portion,
Nor will I ſtaunch it, nor my ayme it make,
Birth, Beauty, wealth are nothing worth alone,
All theſe I could for good additions take:
Not for good parts, theſe two are ill combin'd
Whom any third things frō themſelues hath ioind.

Rather then theſe the obiect of my loue,
Let it be good; when theſe with vertue go,
They (in themſelues indifferent) vertues proue,
For good like fire turnes all things to be ſo:
Gods Image in her ſoule, O let me place
My loue vpon; not Adams in her face.

Remember how your Maker made for our firſt Parents coates, not one coat, but a coat for the man, and a coat for the woman; coates of ſeuerall faſhions, ſeuerall formes, and for ſeuerall vſes: the mans coat fit for his labour, the womans fit for

That from the firſt there was difference in attire.

for her modestie? and will you lose the modell left by the great worke-master of Heauen? Of beauty and deformitie.
now? The long haire of a woman is the ornament of her sexe, and bashfull shamefastnesse her chiefe honour: the long haire of a man, the vizard for a theeuish or murderous disposition, and will you cut off that beauty, to weare the other? villanie? The Vestals in *Rome* wore comly garments of one peece from the neck to the heele: and the Sword-players motley doublets, with gaudy points: the first begot reuerence, the later laughter: and will you lose that honor, for the other? Finally the weapon of a vertuous woman was her teares, which entry good man pitied, and euery valiant man honoured: the weapon of a cruell man is his sword, which neither law allowes, nor reason defends, and will you leaue the excellent shield of innocence, for this deformed instrument of disgrace? Euen for goodnes sake (that can euer grace her owne with her owne merits) looke to your reputations, which are vndermined with your owne Follies, and doe not become the idle Sisters of foolish *Don Quixote*, to beleeue euery vaine Fable which you reade, or to thinke you may bee attired like *Bradamant*, who was often taken for *Ricciardetto* her brother, that you you may fight like *Marfiza* and winne husbands with conquest, or ride a tryde like *Claridiana*, and make Gyants fall at your stirrops, (the Morals will giue you better meanings) which if you shunne, and take

Women compared to *Don Quixote*.

Arioſt. Cant. 25.

the grosse imitations, the first will depriue you of all good societie; the second, of noble affections; and the third, of all beloued modestie: you shall lose all the charmes of woman: naturall perfections, haue no presence to winne respect, no beauty to inchaunt mens hearts; nor no bashfulnesse to excuse the vildest impressions. The fayrest face couered with a foule vizard, begets nothing but affright or scorne; and the noblest person, in an ignoble disguise, amounts to nothing but reproch, and scandall. Away then with these disguises, and South-sayings, these vnnaturall paintings, and immodest discoueries; keepe those parts concealed from the eyes, that may not be reached with the hands. Inconsiderate and lasciuious thoughts, that in nothing differ from the contents of an vnchaste volume.

How women should imitate nature.

Imitate nature: and as she hath placed on the superfices and superficies of the earth, all things needfull for mans sustenance, and necessarie vse, as Hearbs, Plants, Fruits, Corne, and such like, but locke vp close in the hidden caues of the earth, all things which appertaine to his delight and pleasure: as gold, siluer, rich Mynerals and precious Stones: so doe you discouer vnto men all things that are fit for them to vnderstand from you; as bashfulnes in your cheekes, chastitie in your eyes, wisedome in your words, sweetnesse in your conuersation, pitie in your heart, and a generall and seuere modestie in the whole structure

ture for frame of your vnder-all compositions. But for those things which helping to his wanton and lasciuious delight and pleasure: a eyes wandring, lips billing, tongue tattling, bared breasts seducing, and naked armes inbracing: O hide them, for shame hide them in the closest prisons of your chastest gollet-houses: shield them with modest and comely garments, such as are warme and wholsome: hauing euery window closed with adorning Curtaines, and euery keyhole stopped with fast strong Obstacles, that no vnchaste eye may come neere to allayle them; no lasciuious tongue vouse a speech which passing, not as propitious to hand to eare, to pare and to [illegible] Ouyd the eares about with counter-feits of lubricity, Trenches of Inchaste Reason, and impregnable walles of sacred Diuinity, nor with Antickes disguised and vnlike themselues, whose ends whether [illegible] the eyes and colour of a Curtizan with an infinite many, like so many syrens to inchant the weake passenger to their wracke and destruction. Thus shall you bed your selues against, and find the most excellentest creatures vpon earth, things past example, past all imitation.

A street where the Curtizans dwelt in *Rome*.

Remember, that God in your first creation did not forme you of slyme and earth, like man, but of a more pure and refined metall; a substance much more worthy: you in whom are all the harmonies of life, the perfection of Symetry, the true

true and curious obseruer of the most fairest, and louers of the wealthy Gardens which fill the world with liuing Plants. Dare but you receiue vertuous In-mates (as what Palaces are more rich to receiue heauenly messengers?) and you shall draw mens soules into you with that future, deuout, and holy adoration, that you shall neuer want prayse, neuer loue, neuer reuerence.

The excuse of great persons.

But now, poore thinkes I, heare the wittie offending great Ones reply in the defence of their loftie formes. What is there no difference betweene Women? no distinction of places, more respect of Honour, nor no regard of blood, nor allyance? Methinks a rare peece of theorie, pollitique and Noble indeede, but more to the generous spirit and the noble blood then vicious, shall we be aboue heires of our honor, nor haue any ouer habits? O Men, you are then no gentlemen, and not onely vniust Natures, but the Creation Lawes and customes of the wise Princes, for neither shall we be known by their Mytres, Princes by their Crownes, Iudges by their Robes, And Knights by their Spurres? but poore Women haue nothing (how greatlie euer they bee) to diuide themselues from the cunning shewes or mocquing Images which do furnish most shops in the City. What is it that eyther the Lawes haue allowed to the greatest Ladies? customs found conuenient, or their bloods no places challenged, which hath not become so grosse into the City with as great greedinesse, and pretence of

A diffe- where the Curtizans dwelt in Rome.

The Citie accused.

The Cities Pride.

true

true style, as if the fulness of their full-fed bellies, the vanity of their Chariots, could satisfie them.

For this cause, these Apes of the City have ingrafted forraine Nations to their Coats, and these counting-gulls adulterate with their Gewgaws, have brought out such unnatural conceptions, that the whole world is not able to make them open their big mouths enough to laugh at their foolish fashions. Nay, the very Art of Painting (which in the last Age shall be the meanes of their destruction) they have so cunningly stolne and hidden amongst their humbler boords of dressing, that the decayed Art of Prostitution (hating little other revenues) are heavily in bringing their action of Detinue against them. Hence (being thus troubled with these *Popenjays*, & loth still to march in one ranke with fooles and *Zanyes*) have proceeded these disguised deformities, not to offend the eyes of goodnesse, but to vex with ridiculous contempt the never to be satisfied appetites of these grosse and voluptuously minded men, look for this very last edition of disguise, this which is so full of rents, corruptions and false quotations, this bayt which the Diuel hath layd to catch the soules of wanton Women, be more frequent in the stony Palaces of Burgars and Citizens, as it is either at Maske, Tryumph, Tilt, Barriers, or Play-house: call but to account the Taylors that are contained within the circumference of the Walls of the City,

Bringing in of forraine fashions.

Citizens blamed for painting.

Citizens got into this new disguise.

and let but their Halls and their hard reckonings be duely summ'd together, and it will bee found they have raised more new foundations of this new disguise, and metamorphosed more modest old garments, to this new manner of their base and French doublet (onely for the vse of Freemont wives and their children) in one moneth, then hath beene wonne in Court, Suburbs, or Countrey, since the vnfortunate beginning of the first dissolute inuention.

Let therefore the powerfull Scaland of Aphrodite but lift vp his Battle-Axe, and truth the offenders in pieces, so as euery one may bee knowne by the true badge of their bloud, or Fortune: and their theefe *Cheremes* of deformitie will bee sent backe to hell, and there burne to Cynders in the flames of their owne malice.

Thus, mee thinkes, I heare the best offenders argue, nor can I blame a hye bloud to swell when it is coupled and counter-checkt with baseness and corruption; yet this shewes an anger passing meere a shame to enuy, and alludes much to the fayre of an excellent Poet,

Women neuer
Loue truely, in their Sexe, but enuy euer.

They haue *Cæsars* ambition, and desire to bee one and alone, but yet to offend themselues, to grieue others, is a reuenge dissonant to Reason; &

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as *Euripides* saith, a woman of that malicious nature is a fubtle beaſt, and moſt pernicious to the Commonwealth, for ſhe hath power by example to doe it a world of injury. But farre bee ſuch cruelty from the ſoftneſſe of their gentle diſpoſitions: O let them remember what the Poet ſaith: Eur. in Tra.

Women be
Fram'd with the fineſt parts of the minde as we:
Nay Nature triumphs in their beauties birth,
And makes them made the glory of the earth.
The life of beauty, in whoſe ſimple breſts,
(As in her faireſt lodging) Vertue reſts,
Whoſe towring thoughts attended with remorſe
Dies with the leaſt fauneſſe be of greateſt force.

A warning to Husbands and Fathers.

But when they thruſt vertue out of doores, and give a ſhameleſſe libertie to every looſe paſſion, that either their weake thoughts ingenders, or the diſcourſe of wicked tongues can charme into their yeelding boſomes, (much too apt to bee opened with any pick-locke of flattering and deceitfull inſinuation) then they turne Maskers, Mummers, nay Monſters in their diſguiſes, and ſo they may catch the bridle in their teeth, and runne away with their Rulers, they care not into what dangers they plunge either their Fortunes or Reputations, the diſgrace of the whole Sexe, or the blot and obloquy of their private Families, according to the ſaying of the Poet;

What makes Women to deforme themſelues.

E. Spenser.

Such is the craft of women, that their guile
When they have fayled of their fonde fyne and wile
With which vile nature did them fraught throughly,
To obey the best of many well-valuing mind;
That when all fayle and force they will assay,
To purchase a licentious libertie.
But vertuous women wisely understand,
That they were borne to milde humilitie,
Vnlesse the heavens them lift to lawfull soveraintie.

A warning to Husbands and Fathers.

To you therefore that are Fathers, Husbands, or Sustainers of these new *Hierusalemites*, belongs the cure of this Impediment; it is you that give fuell to the flames of their evill affection. You adde the oyle which makes their stinking Lamps defile the whole house with filthy smoke, and your purses purchase those deformities at rates, both deare and unreasonable. Doe you but now cleare your liberall hands, or take a strict account of the employment of the treasure you give them for necessarie maintenance, and these scandalls will either cease, or else dye smothered in perfon in the Taylors Trunke for want of Redemption.

What makes Women to become Tyrants.

Seneca (speaking of liberalitie) will by no meanes allow that any man should bestowe either on friend, wife or children any treasure to be spent upon himselves, for it not onely robs the party of the honour of bounty, and takes from the deed the name of a Benefit, but also makes him con-

Stunde Ben. l. 2.

Lycurgus Law gainſt nouelties.

The cuſtome of the Lacedemonians.

with beauty round about your Tables.

The *Lacedemonians* ſeeing that their children were better taught by examples, then precepts; had hanging in their houſes in faire painted tables all the Vertues and Vices that were in thoſe dayes raigning, with their rewards, and puniſhments. O haue you but in your houſes the faſhions of all attires conſtantly, and without change held and ſtill followed through all the parts of Chriſtendom. Let them but ſee the modeſt Dutch, the ſtately Italian, the rich Spaniard, and the courtly French, with the reſt, according to their climates, and they will bluſh, that in a full fourth part of the world there cannot be found one piece of a Character, to compare or liken with the abſurditie of their Maſculine Inuention; nay, they ſhall ſee, that their naked Countreyman, which

had liberty with his Sheeres to cut from every Nation of the World, one piece or patch to make vp his garment, yet amongst them all could not finde this *Misselanie* or mixture of deformities, which onely by those, (which whilst they retained any sparke of womanhood, were both loued and admired) is lasciuely, indiscretely, wantonly, and most vnchastely inuented.

And therefore to knit vp this imperfect Declamation, let euery Female-Masculine that by her ill example is guilty of lust, or Imitation, cast off her deformities, and cloath her selfe in the rich garments, which the Poet bestowes vpon her in these Verses following.

These Vertues that in women men it praise,
As faire a Flowre without, shall throughout within,
True Faith and due obedience to their mate,
And of their children honest care to take.

The vniforme of the Ladie-monias.

FINIS.